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Labour Force

Includes: **Unemployment Rate, Number of Unemployed, Number of Employed, Participation Rate, Number of Volunteers, Volunteer Rate, Total Annual Hours of Voluntary Work, Median Annual Hours of Voluntary Work**



Wages and Prices

Includes: **CPI All Groups, Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, House Price Index, Wage Price Index, Average Weekly Earnings, Median Household Income**



Tourism

Includes: **Number of Hotels, Motels and Serviced Apartments, Takings From Accommodation: Hotels, Motels and Serviced Apartments**



Finance

Includes: **Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Private Capital Expenditure**



Consumption and Investment

Includes: **Sales of New Motor Vehicles, Retail Turnover at Current Prices, Number of Dwelling Units Approved, Number of Dwelling Units Commenced**



State Accounts

Includes: **State Final Demand, International Trade - Tasmania, Gross State Product**



Population

Includes: **Estimated Resident Population, Net Interstate Migration, Net Overseas Migration, Population Growth Rate, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Population, Population Born Overseas, Population by Age, Median Age of Population, Fertility Rate, Life Expectancy at Birth**



Living Arrangements

Includes: **Crude Marriage Rate, Crude Divorce Rate, Number of Households, Lone Person Households, Number of Families, Couple-Only Families, One Parent Families**



Mortality

Includes: **Standardised Death Rate, Infant Mortality Rate**



Education

Includes: **Year 10-12 Apparent Retention Rate, Proportion of Year 5 Students Reaching National Benchmarks for Reading, Writing and Numeracy**



Health

Includes: **Current Daily Smokers, Overweight/Obese BMI, Inadequate Physical Exercise, Risky/High Risk Alcohol Consumption**

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IN THIS ISSUE

Tasmanian Key Indicators (ABS cat. no. 1304.6) provides an overview of economic and social indicators and is released on a monthly basis. Updates this month: **Labour Force, Wages and Prices, Tourism, Consumption and Investment** and **Population**.

Explanatory Notes are not included in the form found in other ABS publications. Please see the Explanatory Notes contained in related ABS publications (links to source documents are provided in the summary tables).

For further information about these and related statistics, contact the ABS on 1300 135 070 or email client.services@abs.gov.au.

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Labour Force



LABOUR FORCE

	Source	Tas. value	Aust. value	Change previous month (Tas)	Change corresponding month previous year (Tas)
Mar 2010					
Unemployment rate(a) - trend	6202.0	5.8%	5.3%	0.1 pts(b)	0.8 pts(b)
No. of unemployed persons(a) - trend	6202.0	14 500	611 000	1.6%(b)	16.6%(b)
No. of employed persons(a) - trend	6202.0	235 200	10 991 900	0.3%(b)	-0.7%(b)
Participation rate(a) - trend	6202.0	61.1%	65.2%	0.2 pts(b)	-0.6 pts(b)
2006					
No. of volunteers(c) ('000)	4441.0	130.9	5 226.5
Volunteer rate(c)	4441.0	36.0%	34.1%
Total annual hours of voluntary work(c)	4441.0	17.7 million	713.1 million
Median annual hours of voluntary work(c)	4441.0	55	56

.. not applicable

(a) Persons aged 15 years and over.

(b) Estimates of change have been calculated using unrounded estimates, and may be different from, but are more accurate than, movements obtained from the rounded estimates.

(c) Persons aged 18 years and over.

More Detailed Source Information

Labour Force, Australia (ABS cat. no. 6202.0)

Voluntary Work, Australia (ABS cat. no. 4441.0)

Wages and Prices



WAGES AND PRICES

	Source	Value	% Change previous period	% Change corresponding period previous year
Dec Qtr 2009				
CPI all groups: Hobart(a)	6401.0	168.7	0.6	2.6
Price index of materials used in house building: Hobart(a)	6427.0	177.7	-0.6	2.4
House price index numbers: Hobart(b)	6416.0	p156.5	p4.3	p11.0
Wage Price Index, Tasmania(c)	6345.0	103.3	0.7	3.7
Nov Qtr 2009				

Average weekly earnings - full-time adult ordinary time - trend	6302.0	\$1 056.30	2.0(d)	7.9(d)
2007-08				
Median income - gross household income per week	6523.0	\$975

.. not applicable

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(a) Baseline: 1989-90=100.0.

(b) Baseline: 2003-04=100.0.

(c) Baseline: 2008-09=100.0

(d) Estimates of change have been calculated using unrounded estimates, and may be different from, but are more accurate than, movements obtained from the rounded estimates.

More Detailed Source Information

Average Weekly Earnings, Australia (ABS cat. no. 6302.0)

Consumer Price Index, Australia (ABS cat. no. 6401.0)

House Price Indexes: Eight Capital Cities (ABS cat. no. 6416.0)

Household Income and Income Distribution, Australia (ABS cat. no. 6523.0)

Labour Price Index, Australia (ABS cat. no. 6345.0)

Producer Price Indexes, Australia (ABS cat. no. 6427.0)

Tourism



TOURISM

	Source	Value	% Change corresponding quarter previous year
Dec Qtr 2009			
No. of hotels, motels and serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms	8635.0	155	0.6
Takings from accommodation: Hotels, motels and serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms	8635.0	\$51.5m	-2.0

More Detailed Source Information

Tourist Accommodation, Australia (ABS cat. no. 8635.0)

Finance



FINANCE

	Source	Value	% Change previous period	% Change corresponding period previous year
Jan 2010				
Housing finance commitments for owner occupation: no. of dwellings financed(a) - trend	5609.0	1 008	-3.8(b)	-19.7
Dec Qtr 2009				
Private capital expenditure: actual total expenditure - chain volume measures(c) - trend	5625.0	\$253m	-2.3	-26.0

(a) Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing across lending institutions.

(b) Estimates of change have been calculated using unrounded estimates, and may be different from, but are more accurate than, movements obtained from the rounded estimates.

(c) Reference year 2007-08.

More Detailed Source Information

Housing Finance, Australia (ABS cat. no. 5609.0)

Private New Capital Expenditure and Expected Expenditure, Australia (ABS cat. no. 5625.0)

Consumption and Investment



CONSUMPTION AND INVESTMENT

	Source	Value	% Change previous period	% Change corresponding period previous year
Feb 2010				
Sales of new motor vehicles (no.)(a) - trend	9314.0	np	np	np
Retail turnover at current prices - trend	8501.0	\$441.7m	-0.1(b)	3.2
Total dwelling units approved (no.) - trend	8731.0	277	-2.9(b)	14.0(b)
Sep Qtr 2009				
Total dwelling units commenced (no.) - trend	8752.0	753	4.5(b)	2.8(b)

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(a) Following the Federal Government Budget in May 2009, the eligibility period for the Small Business and General Business Tax Break was extended to December 2009. The rebate level was also increased for small

businesses, allowing eligible businesses to claim an increased tax deduction on the purchase of new motor vehicles. If the trend estimates in the publication were to be calculated without fully accounting for this irregular event, they would be likely to provide a misleading view of the underlying trend in new motor vehicle sales activity. As a result, the new motor vehicle sales trend series has been suspended from May 2009. The trend series will be reintroduced when more certainty emerges in the underlying behaviour of new car sales. Please see the "Suspension of trend estimates" section of Sales of New Motor Vehicles, Australia, Dec 2009 (ABS cat. no. 9314.0).

(b) Estimates of change have been calculated using unrounded estimates, and may be different from, but are more accurate than, movements obtained from the rounded estimates.

More Detailed Source of Information

Building Activity, Australia (ABS cat. no. 8752.0)

Building Approvals, Australia (ABS cat. no. 8731.0)

Retail Trade, Australia (ABS cat. no. 8501.0)

Sales of New Motor Vehicles, Australia (ABS cat. no. 9314.0)

State Accounts



STATE ACCOUNTS

	Source	Value	% Change previous period	% Change corresponding period previous year
Dec Qtr 2009				
State Final Demand: chain volume measures - trend(a)	5206.0	\$6 130m	0.7(b)	-0.4(b)
International trade - export of goods - trend	5206.0	\$818m	-4.6(b)	-7.3
International trade - import of goods - trend	5206.0	\$228m	12.5(b)	9.1
2008-09				
Gross State Product: chain volume measures(a)	5220.0	\$22 564m	..	1.4

.. not applicable

(a) Reference year 2007-08.

(b) Estimates of change have been calculated using unrounded estimates, and may be different from, but are more accurate than, movements obtained from the rounded estimates.

More Detailed Source Information

Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product (ABS cat. no. 5206.0)

Australian National Accounts: State Accounts (ABS cat. no. 5220.0)

Population



POPULATION

	Source	Tas. value	Aust. value
Sep Qtr 2009			
Estimated resident population (no.)	3101.0	p504 441	p22 065 671
Net interstate migration (no.)	3101.0	p9	..
Net overseas migration (no.)	3101.0	p499	p72 280
Population change since previous year	3101.0	p1.0%	p2.1%
At 30 Jun 2009			
Proportion of population aged 0-14 years	3101.0	p19.4%	p19.1%
Proportion of population aged 15-64 years	3101.0	p65.3%	p67.5%
Proportion of population aged 65 and over	3101.0	p15.3%	p13.3%
Proportion of population aged 85 years and over	3101.0	p1.9%	p1.7%
Median age of population (years)	3201.0	p39.6	p36.9
2008-09			
Fertility rate (children per female)	3101.0	p2.2	p2.0
2006-2008			
Life expectancy at birth - males (years)	3302.0	77.7	79.2
Life expectancy at birth - females (years)	3302.0	82.3	83.7
At 8 Aug 2006 (Census night)			
Proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population(a)	Census QuickStats	3.5%	2.3%
At 30 Jun 2006	3412.0	11.5%	24.6%
Proportion of population born overseas(a)			

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(a) Based on place of usual residence.

More Detailed Source Information

2006 Census QuickStats: Tasmania

Australian Demographic Statistics (ABS cat. no. 3101.0)

Deaths, Australia (ABS cat. no. 3302.0)

For further information about Census QuickStats see: <https://www.abs.gov.au/census>.

Migration, Australia (ABS cat. no. 3412.0)

Population by Age and Sex, Australian States and Territories (ABS cat. no. 3201.0)

Living Arrangements



LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

	Source	Tas. value	Aust. value
At 30 Jun 2007			
No. of households	4442.0	199,000	8 071 000
Lone person households as proportion of total households	4442.0	27.1%	24.8%
No. of families	4442.0	142 000	5 905 000
Couple-only families as proportion of all families	4442.0	44.4%	40.1%
No. of families with children aged 0-17 years	4442.0	61 000	2 576 000
One parent families with children aged 0-17 years as proportion of all families with children aged 0-17 years	4442.0	19.7%	20.1%
2007			
Crude marriage rate (per 1,000 population)	3306.0.55.001	p5.7	p5.5
Crude divorce rate (per 1,000 population)	3307.0.55.001	2.3	2.3

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More Detailed Source Information

Divorces, Australia (ABS cat. no. 3307.0.55.001)

Family Characteristics and Transitions, Australia (ABS cat. no. 4442.0)

Marriages, Australia (ABS cat. no. 3306.0.55.001)

Mortality



MORTALITY

	Source	Tas. value	Aust. value
2008-09			
Standardised death rate (per 1,000 population)	3101.0	p6.77	p5.90
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	3101.0	p3.85(a)	p4.20(a)

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(a) Tasmanian infant mortality rates are based on relatively small numbers, so caution is advised when comparing with the Australian rate.

More Detailed Source Information

Australian Demographic Statistics (ABS cat. no. 3101.0)

Education



EDUCATION

	Source	Tas. value	Aust. value
2009			
Reading - proportion of year 5 students at or above national minimum standard(a)(b)	MCEECDYA	90.3%	91.7%
Writing - proportion of year 5 students at or above national minimum standard(a)(b)	MCEECDYA	91.4%	93.0%
Numeracy - proportion of year 5 students at or above national minimum standard(a)(b)	MCEECDYA	93.2%	94.2%

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(a) NAPLAN tests were equated so that the 2009 results can be compared with those for 2008. Equating enables the results from NAPLAN tests in different years to be reported on the same achievement scale. Equating one test with another is a complex procedure and involves some degree of statistical error. For this reason, there may be minor fluctuations in the average NAPLAN test results from year to year when, in reality, the level of student achievement has remained essentially the same. It is only when there is a meaningful change in the results from one year to the next, or when there is a consistent trend over several years, that statements about improvement or decline in levels of achievement can be made confidently. Some caution is required when interpreting changes in the performance across 2008 and 2009.

(b) Exempt students were not assessed and are deemed not to have met the national minimum standard.

Participation rates are calculated as all assessed and exempt students as a percentage of the total number of students in the year level, as reported by schools, which includes those absent and withdrawn.

(c) While Tasmanian education underwent a significant restructure of post year 10 education in 2009, processes were undertaken, by the Tasmanian Department of Education, to ensure that data provided fully complied with collection definitions. See notes section of Schools, Australia, Preliminary, 2009 (ABS cat. no. 4220.0) for more details.

More Detailed Source Information

National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2009 : Achievement in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy Final Report, Ministerial Council for Education, Early Childhood Development and Youth Affairs (MCEECDYA):<http://www.mceecdya.edu.au/>

Schools, Australia (ABS cat. no. 4221.0)

Schools, Australia, Preliminary (ABS cat. no. 4220.0)

Health



HEALTH

	Source	Tas. value	Aust. value
2007-08			
Current smokers(a)(b)	4362.0/4364.0	24.8%	20.8%
Overweight/obese BMI - measured(a)	4362.0/4364.0	63.9%	61.3%
Inadequate physical exercise(a)	4362.0/4364.0	72.7%	72.8%
Risky/high risk alcohol consumption(a)	4362.0/4364.0	13.4%	13.2%

(a) Persons aged 18 years and over.

(b) Estimates have been calculated using rounded data, and may differ slightly to estimates calculated using the unrounded data.

More Detailed Source Information

National Health Survey: Summary of Results; State Tables (ABS cat. no. 4362.0)

National Health Survey: Summary of Results (ABS cat. no. 4364.0)

About this Release

Tasmanian Key Indicators is a web-based product containing the latest social and economic summary data on Tasmania, including labour force, wages and prices, tourism, finance, consumption and investment, state accounts, population, living arrangements, mortality, education and health. It is released on a monthly basis.

Tasmanian Key Indicators features links to source publications on the ABS website to enable readers to explore particular topics in more detail. The data is also presented in an Excel spreadsheet in the Downloads tab.

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